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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

District Days at the Fair

Tuesday, August 22, Lével's
 Wednesday, August 23, Greenbank
 Thursday, August 24, Hatersville
 Friday, August 25, Edray

These district days have proved popular features of the Fair, largely because the people of each district show proper pride in making their day a success.

THE OLD STONE CHURCH

On Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, the old Stone Church at Lewisburg will observe with proper service and ceremony the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its organization. A number of former pastors will be present and speak. Among these will be Dr. White, Dr. Telford and Dr. McGeachy. Saturday afternoon the pastor, Dr. Courtney, will make a historical address, and that is the part of the service that this editor wants to be present, without fail. The Old Stone has even had strong ministers as far as the high traditions of his predecessors. Down from pioneer times the Old Stone has been and is a mighty fortress. Before Charleston was interesting to the spiritual needs of the people. He reached into Pocahontas on the north and up the Bluestone valley to the south. I note that on April 12, 1829, Dr. McElhenny, the pastor, was at Marlinton's Bottom, at the home of Major William Poage to marry his grandparents, James Atlee Price and Margaret Davies Poage. For fifty years or better, Dr. McElhenny was pastor of the Old Stone. He was particularly strong and popular with his long and wide strung like of country parishioners. I recall the incident of perhaps the last time that guns were carried to public worship in the old church, as related to me by the late Squire John Mason Price. Along about ninety years ago, the town of Lewisburg had progressed in importance to such an extent, that there were those who vainly imagined they needed a minister more in fashion and in keeping with the spirit of the times and a metropolis that was then the peer of Pittsburgh, Louisville and Cincinnati. A day was set for a congregational meeting to thresh out the matter. Cousin Mason's folks lived down on Indian Creek, in Monroe County, and his parents started for the meeting the day before. It was hunting season, and the old gentleman carried his long rifle. Cousin Mason was a very small boy, and rode behind his mother. He noted as they traveled along, the party was joined by others on horseback, and each man carried a long rifle across the pommel of his saddle. By the time they reached Lewisburg it was a large cavalcade. And every road leading into the town was filled with riders—from Fayette on the east to upper tract in Pocahontas on the north—and the men were prepared to take into camp any big game that might cross their path on their way home Monday. The roll would have sounded like the roster of the clans of old Scotland. The guns were carefully stacked in the vestibule; pastor McElhenny preached one powerful sermon of some two hours duration, and the congregational meeting was called. A prominent citizen of the town and state read an eloquent endorsement of the pastor and all his works. This paper was enthusiastically adopted without dissent. After lunch, the people gathered for an afternoon sermon, and then began the dispersion to homes scattered over a radius of perhaps seventy-five miles. After that demonstration in force, the local congregation was perfectly satisfied with the ministrations of their pastor, until old age caused him to voluntarily give over his work

Horsemen Attention

In an attempt to encourage local horse owners, the rules for the potato race have been changed to make it more of a game, which should add to the zest and excitement and to the uncertainty of who the winner shall be.

The riders are permitted to hit the sticks of an opponent and knock his potato off.

The boxes will not be placed as far apart as heretofore so it will not be tiring to the horses.

So all each rider needs is a sharp pointed stick not over eight feet long and any kind of a horse.

into other hands. The old Stone has been and is a great church; for a century its work was extensive; for half a century its work has been intensive; in both fields the Lord of the Harvest has blessed its efforts. I will go down Saturday to the shrine where my people five generations back gathered for public worship. Don't you know there is an undecipherable sense of sacredness in these old shrines that is lacking in places tumbled together in a spirit of competition and show.

County Fourth Camp

The annual F-H Camp of Pocahontas County is in session at the Fair grounds this week. 174 club members are enrolled and 25 instructors or leaders are present. I. B. Boggs from the Extension Division is camp director.

The four chiefs are Mary Ellen Eddy, Cherokee; Jane Price, Seneca; Oren Poage, Mingo; and Milton Humphreys, Delaware. These campers will head their tribes in activities during the week. They compete in games, stunts, and other wholesome contests.

The Knapps Creek Hustlers Four H club held its regular meeting August 1. The roll was called and each member responded by giving a general report on his project for the year.

Our health subject was "Cleanliness." Our club decided to entertain Minnehaha Club and Frost Club with a corn roast August 18, at G. M. Sharp's sugar camp.

Declma McLaughlin, Reporter

On August 4th Mrs. L. S. Cochran received a letter from her brother, E. L. McNeil, 1611 Irving Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., bearing the sad news that their only son Emmett McNeil, Jr., eighteen years old, had been drowned while swimming in a lake near there on July 19th. His body was not recovered until July 31st, being in the water twelve days. Rescue squad worked day and night, dynamiting the lake twice without recovering the body. Finally the best diver from the navy with fourteen men and the Maryland rescue squad was secured and the body was recovered. He is survived by his father and mother and one sister. Burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington. This young man was a grand son of the late Rev. John W. McNeil, a native of Pocahontas County.

There will be song service at the Huntersville Presbyterian Church, Sunday afternoon, August 13, beginning at two o'clock. Everyone invited.—J. A. Reed, Chairman.

AMERICAN OIL JOINS

President Jacob Blaustein of The American Oil Company announced today that he had signed for the company and its affiliates the new N. R. A. code. This is, probably Baltimore's largest individual contribution to the president's recovery program as the combined companies under the control of The American Oil Company employ thousands of men and women.

President Blaustein said that the immediate effect of the company's acceptance would be to add hundreds of new employees to The American Oil Company payroll.

"It has always been a basic principle of The American Oil Company to cooperate with any movement that has as a fundamental the advancement of community or national welfare," said Mr. Blaustein. "Through out the past four years, our records show, we have constantly added to our own payrolls. This has been due to two things. Our own growth and our own ideas of what constitutes public service."

Records from the personnel division show that on July 15 of this year The American Oil Company was employing 48,000 more persons than on July 15, 1929, when prosperity was at its peak.

The American Oil Company affiliates subscribing to the new code are The Pan American Petroleum & Transport Company, The Mexican Petroleum Corporation and the Lord Baltimore Filling Stations, Inc., and their subsidiaries. Operating as they do many refineries, tankers, ocean terminals, bulk plants, tank car fleets, trucking services, and thousands of service outlets. The American Oil group adds one of the largest employing units to the support of President Roosevelt's program.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gibson announce the marriage of their daughter, Shelby Gibson, to Howard Aldman of Washington, D. C., on July 3, 1933. After visiting the brides parents and relatives at Ronceverte, Marlinton, Wheeling and Fairmont, they returned to Washington, where they expect to make their home. Mr. Aldman has employment in a furniture store.

The church supper at the Dunmore Mineral Spring was a great community event Saturday night. The attendance was large, and the young men from the Seneca forest camp were out in force.

FIELD NOTES

The egrets are still here in numbers. A favorite hanging out place is Knapps Creek, near the Court House. Almost any afternoon one or more of these beautiful, interesting birds can be seen wading, watching and fishing in the channel of the creek below the municipal water wheel. Often times there are two varieties of egrets together in the creek. The large ones are the great American egrets, standing nearly four feet high. The smaller ones are snowy egrets, about one half as long. The varieties flock together, and the other day a big one and two little ones were in the creek. Some guessed this was a mother egret and young. A closer look showed that the big one had a yellow bill and the little ones had black bills. A part from the size, this is one of the distinguishing marks between the species. Several weeks since a flight of no less than thirteen great American egrets landed on the town island in Knapps Creek, near the High School. Since then, egrets have been seen all along Greenbrier River. Whether they are the same birds or whether the big flight went on north, of course there is no way of telling. There is a report that three of the birds have been shot. I hope there is no truth in the report. The great American egret is the bird from which comes the fancy plumes for hats, called egrettes. These are the mating plumes of the bird; some fifty of these long feathers grow from the back of the bird, after the manner of the plumes of the peacock. These plumes can only be secured by killing the birds and that too at the time there are eggs or young in the nest. The egrettes brought such a fancy price, that the egrets were practically extinct before the public awakened to the cruel slaughter. Individuals, societies, states and finally the nation took action. The birds are now on the protected list in every state and in Canada, through a treaty between the United States and the Dominion. A few years ago, the remaining egrets were estimated at just a few hundred pairs. Now, there must be a great number, with so many coming to the Greenbrier Valley to summer. They are beautiful birds, most graceful in flight, carriage and posture. We are awakening to the value of making our country side attractive, and I know nothing more artistic looking than these beautiful, snow white birds standing

around in our water courses. I will again admonish those with an itching trigger finger to restrain themselves and not yield to temptation—it is a long road down to the federal court, and the penalty is severe.

One day last week one of Warwick Alderman's boys went with his cousin, a son of Rodney Buzzard to look up the chances for huckleberries on the Beaver Lick. They found few berries, but came upon two big rattlesnakes. One was yellow and the other was black. They killed the black one and somewhat damaged the yellow one, but it managed to get away into some rocks. The dead snake looked to be full of something and the young men proceeded to investigate. They found six lively young rattlesnakes in the gullet of the big snake. The little ones were about seven inches long, and bore all the appearance of having been traveling around in the sun. The presumption is that the old snake had swallowed down the little ones upon the approach of danger. I know what the city slickers will say about it. Out their book wisdom they will maintain that if the black rattler was a male, he had made a meal off the young ones, and if the snake was a female, why her young were yet unborn. The latter contention will not stand up in this instance because the young snakes showed positive sign of having seen the light of day and were as lively as crickets. It is certainly a pity the young men could not have killed the yellow rattler to see if it had swallowed down a part of the brood. Warwick also told me that three years ago he killed a big rattler near his home that had swallowed a bunch of little rattlers. These were over eight inches in length. He has never seen the rattler in the act of swallowing his young to protect them from danger, but he, like the writer, has been told by men in whom he has all confidence that they had witnessed the little snakes cutting for cover in the open mouth of the old serpent, like chicks hiding at the approach of a hawk.

Oren Poage, of Edray, brings in the prettiest bird nest I ever saw. He found it in the sugar orchard, where it had fallen from a tree, evidently. It is constructed of hair, soft grasses and lichens from sugar trees. These lichens form the framing and outside of the nest, and the lining is of the soft material. The soft grayish green of the air plants gives an indescribable beautiful appearance.

WE DO OUR PART

Conforming with the request of the President of the United States in his recovery program, we do so in a spirit of hearty co-operation believing it necessary for all citizens to do their bit.

In this connection we would remind the buying public that they should show their co-operation by buying as liberally as possible in the next few months.

Our entire county should at a very early date present a solid front in co-operation.

C. J. RICHARDSON
 Marlinton, W. Va.

Farm Dog Show

One of the most interesting exhibitions to me at the Pocahontas County Fair will be the stock dog driving contest to be held Wednesday morning. There will be a flock of sheep driven into the grounds in front of the grandstand, and any man who thinks he has a capable sheep driving dog will have an opportunity to get on his horse and take out his dog for a demonstration in a prize contest. The best dog wins \$5; the second best \$3 and the third best \$2. Get the full particulars from A. C. Barlow, but my guess is that the man and dog that makes the least noise and does the most effective work will win the high stakes. The only trouble about this most interesting event, is how come in the same bill no body ever thought to put it on before. Next to the women folks, about the most useful thing on the average Pocahontas farm is that heel driving shepherd dog.

Town Council

The town council was in regular monthly session on Monday night. There were present: G. S. Callison, Mayor, J. W. Hill, Recorder, A. H. McFerrin, June McElwee, Paul Overholt, B. E. Smith, Z. S. Smith, Jr., councilmen.

The license tax on beer dealers fixed at \$50 a year.

Guy R. Faulkner reappointed town sergeant. John Cunningham appointed manager of the town water plant at a salary of \$40 a month.

The office of night watchman discontinued and Fred Sheets appointed policeman at \$75 a month.

It was ordered that the block on twelfth street between second and third avenues be based and chocked.

An ordinance entered requiring town prisoners in jail to work on the streets.

Council will again meet next Tuesday night to act upon the proposed budget and levy.

James Fowler was over from Williams River Monday of business. He said he had recently heard from his father-in-law, Pete Hammonds, who moved to Montana nearly thirty years ago, when the game began to get scarce in Pocahontas county. The old gentleman is now past ninety-three years of age. He was born in Kentucky, and came to the Williams River Wilderness before the war between the states, to find a more peaceful place than the feud area, where he was born.

The weather this week so far has been ideal in Pocahontas county—pleasantly warm, sunny days with cool nights. Big billowy clouds each day.

DIED

James Watson, aged 76 years, died at his home near Dunmore, July 29, 1933. For some years he had been ill with rheumatism and heart disease. Burial in the Dunmore cemetery, the funeral being conducted from the Methodist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Watson was a native of Centre county, Pennsylvania. He came to Pocahontas county in October, 1886, to work in the White Pine woods. In 1901, he married Miss Ella R. Carpenter, who survives her husband. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary Schnares, of Detroit. Mr. Watson was a fine, upstanding man, and a good citizen.

Greenbank Community Meeting

There will be a community meeting at the Greenbank high school Friday evening, August 18th at 8 o'clock. The subject is "Education." A wide awake committee is in charge and a good program has been arranged.

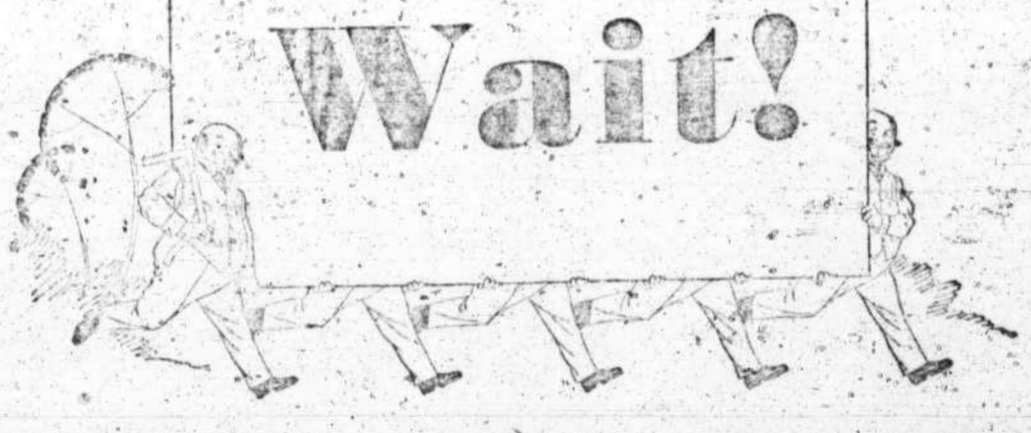
The Huntersville District Fair day at Frost last Saturday was a great success. The attendance was large, and the soccer football games and boxing bouts were interesting. The forestry camp young men, under supervision of Lieutenant Calhoun put on the boxing bouts. This day was in preparation for the County Fair.

Among the Pocahontas ladies at the Farm Women's Camp at Jacksons Mill this week are Mrs. Clarence Kellison, Mrs. Fred Hefner, Mrs. Ora McNeil and Miss Glenna Barnes. They were taken by Porter Kellison on Monday.

G. M. Slifer, government seed loan representative will be at the office of the County Agent on Thursday August 24, to receive payments on loans and to confer with those who have not met their loans.

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PROGRAM
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 August 11-12
 The ace of Western Stars
 Bob Steele in
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 Added: Chapter No. 3 "HURRICANE EXPRESS"
 Special matinee Saturday at 3 o'clock
 Admission 10 and 15; night 10 and 25.
 TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—
 August 15-16
 What is more powerful—The wit of a man or the beauty of a woman?
 Jack Holt in
"Man Against Woman"
 With Lillian Miles and Garvin Gor-
 don.
 FRIDAY and SATURDAY—
 August 18-19
 Action thrills comedy as the hard-
 riding easterner outwits the rustlers
 from the west.
 Rex Bell in
"Lucky Larrigan"
 With Helen Foster and John Elliott
 Added Chapter No. 4 "HURRICANE EXPRESS"



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